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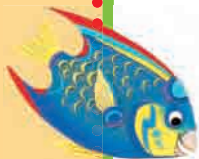
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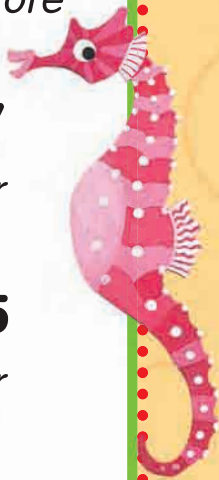
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Mort's Sports Store

by Jed Mannheimer illustrated by Joe Cepeda





Mort owns a sports store. He sells lots of sports gear. In his store, Mort has caps, shorts, and things of that sort.



I like every sport, but I like soccer more than most of them. I like soccer shirts, shorts, and cleats. Mort has lots of them for sale.



On weekends, I go to Mort's store after I finish chores at home. I can look at things Mort sells for a long time. I never get bored.

Mort likes soccer, too. He knows more about soccer than any person I have ever met before.

I am on a soccer team. Mort always asks me the score of my last game. He shows me soccer gear and tells me what it is for.





If we get a bad storm on the day of a game, I will go to Mort's store. I help Mort cut cord off boxes. Mort gives me other chores that will help him. I like doing chores for Mort. He lets me trade my work for sports gear. Some days I just help Mort for free.

It is hard to decide which thing to get at Mort's store. I search the store for something that is just right. It might be a shirt or shorts.



At the end of the day, Mom picks me up at the store. I hear her honk her horn outside. I wave to Mort. He knows I will be back before long.



Not Your Normal Fish!

by John Grigsby
illustrated by K. E. Lewis



A seahorse is a kind of fish. For a fish, it looks mighty strange!

A seahorse has no scales, just a bony frame. It has a long horny snout and a head that sort of looks like a horse. A seahorse stands up as it swims. It wraps its long tail around seaweed to stay in one spot.





Seahorses seem strange, but it would be hard to find more interesting fish than them!



Seahorses can be found near shore, in forests of sea grass, or on coral reefs.

Seahorses blend in with the background. This keeps them safe from big fish that might eat them.

Seahorses can be sorted into about forty kinds. Their sizes range from one inch to more than twelve inches. Real horses go fast, but not seahorses. Seahorses use their dorsal fins to go forward, little bit by bit. These dorsal fins flap back and forth more than a thousand times each minute!





Now here is the most interesting thing about seahorses. The father seahorse hatches eggs and cares for seahorse babies.

A father seahorse holds little seahorse
eggs in its pouch. Tiny seahorse babies are
born in this pouch. The father seahorse
tends them until they can go forth.





When they get older, seahorse babies learn to swim. They may form packs and use their tails to hold on to each other. It is time for them to go off on their own!



Courtyards



by Kerry Curry
illustrated by Tom Leonard



A courtyard is an outside space surrounded on each side by buildings. You reach some courtyards by going through a gate. You reach other courtyards by going under an arch.

It is hard to see inside many courtyards from the street. You must go through homes or buildings to reach them.

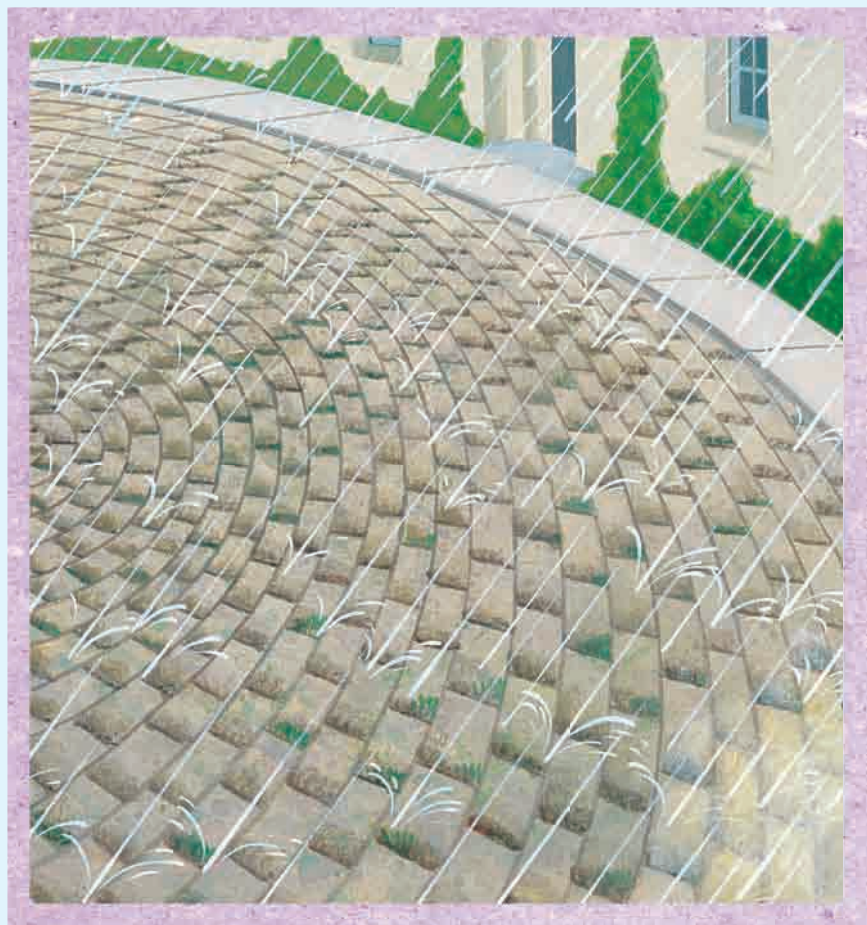
Courtyards can have many sides. This courtyard has four sides. Homes surround its four sides. Gardens fill its middle.





People have made courtyards for a long time. This castle in France has a stone courtyard. Tourists visit this castle and look at the buildings on the four sides of its courtyard.

Courtyards can be big or little.
Courtyards can be paved with things such
as brick or stone. Courtyard paths may be
dirt or grass. The pouring rain bounces off
stone and brick paths in this courtyard.

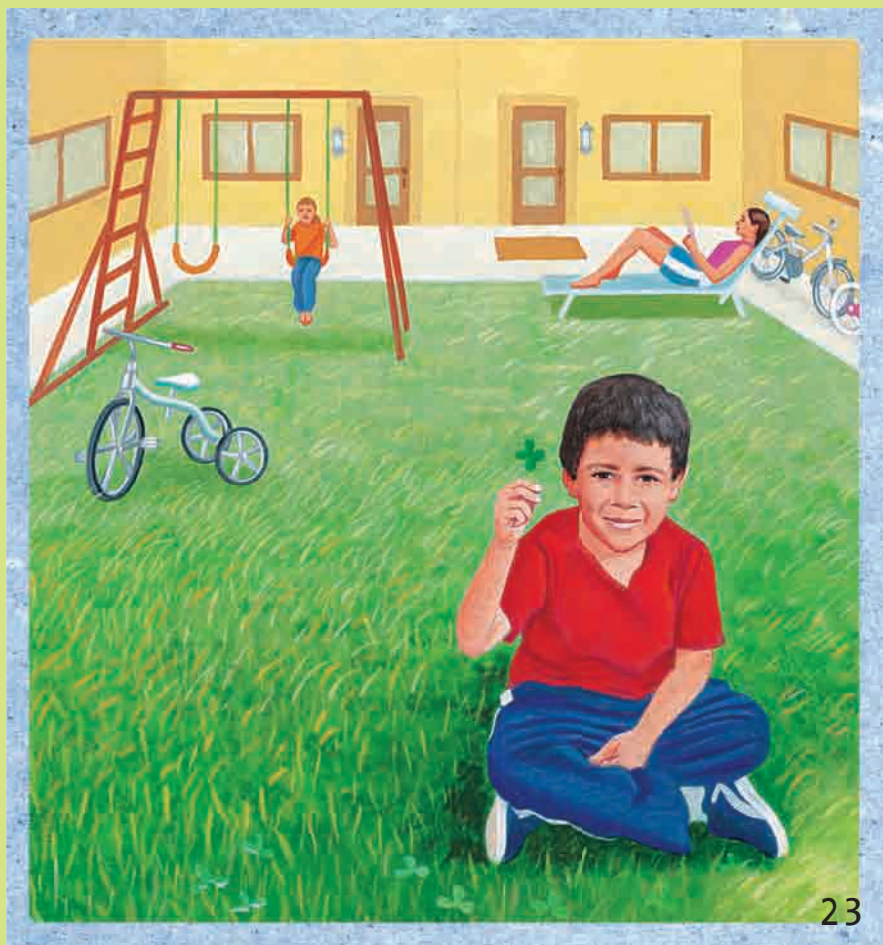




People can plant gardens and trees in courtyards. Plants such as flowers, beans, pumpkins, and gourds can grow in courtyard gardens. See the gourds that grow in this courtyard garden.

People use some courtyards to park cars. Other courtyards are safe places for kids to play.

This courtyard is not for cars. It is for people to enjoy. This boy found a four-leaf clover in this grassy courtyard.



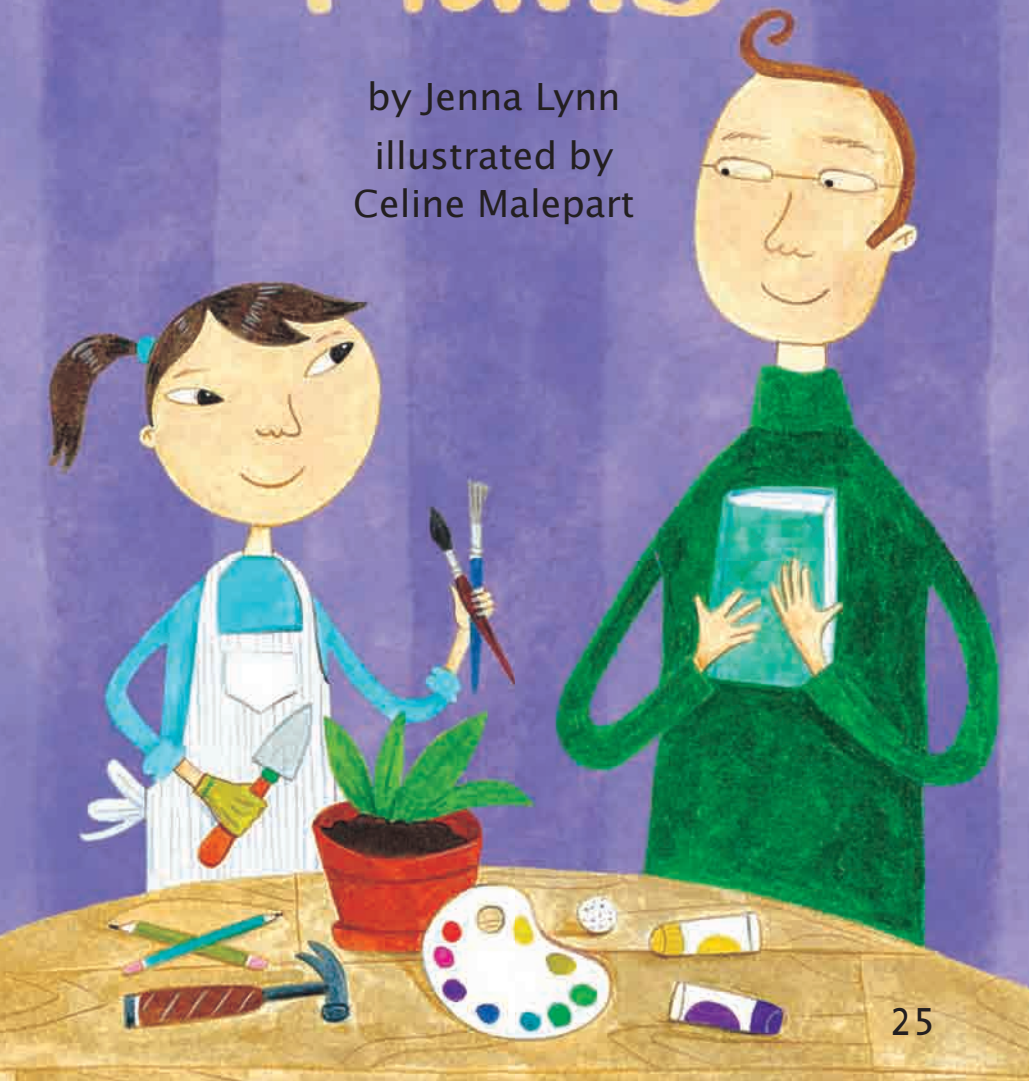


Birds like birdbaths and ponds in courtyards. These four birds sip water through the course of a hot day.

Courtyards can be fun places to explore. See if you can find one near your home.

Courtney's Plans

by Jenna Lynn
illustrated by
Celine Malepart





“Mom must nearly be finished with work. Can we meet her at the courthouse?” Courtney asked. Mom was a judge and spent her days in court.

Dad said, “That is a great idea. Get your black jacket. You need to look nice at the courthouse.”

Courtney and Dad chatted on the way. It was four blocks to the courthouse.

"I might be a judge when I grow up or maybe a writer like you," Courtney told Dad.





Then they passed the Courtyard Lunch Spot. Courtney told Dad, “Maybe I will be a waitress, pouring tea and serving lunch.”

Further on their course, they passed fourteen tourists. “Maybe I will take tourists on tours around the world!” Courtney told Dad.

Then Courtney spied a man planting flowers. “Maybe I will be a farmer,” Courtney told Dad. “I can grow flowers, corn, and gourds!”





Then they passed a golf course. “Maybe I will be a golfer. It would be fun to be on a golf course each day,” Courtney told Dad.

Then they passed under an arch leading to the courtyard by the courthouse. Courtney liked courtyards. "Maybe I will be a builder," Courtney told Dad. "I will make buildings and courtyards where children can play."





Then they spied an artist painting pictures.

Dad smiled and told Courtney, “You like to paint. You can use your paints to make pictures.”

Courtney smiled. “Of course,” she said. Then she hugged Dad.

Mort's Sports Store

Word Count: 244

High-Frequency Words

always
any
doing
gives
have
look
my
of
other
soccer
some
something
to
too
what
work

Decodable Words*

a	every
about	finish
after	for
am	free
and	game
asks	gear
at	get
back	go
bad	hard
be	has
before	he
bored	hear
boxes	help
but	her
can	him
caps	his
chores	home
cleats	honk
cord	horn
cut	I
day	if
days	in
decide	is
end	it
ever	just

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Decodable Words*

knows	score	we
last	search	weekends
lets	sells	which
like	shirt	will
likes	shirts	
long	shorts	
lots	shows	
me	sort	
met	sport	
might	sports	
Mom	store	
more	storm	
Mort	team	
Mort's	tells	
most	than	
never	that	
off	the	
on	them	
or	thing	
outside	things	
owns	time	
person	trade	
picks	up	
right	wave	
sale		

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Not Your Normal Fish!

Word Count: 244

High-Frequency Words

are
by
cares
father
from
here
interesting
into
looks
minute
mother
of
one
other
their
they
to
would
your

Decodable Words*

a	flap
about	for
and	forests
around	form
as	forth
babies	forty
back	forward
background	found
be	frame
big	get
bit	go
blend	grass
bony	hard
born	has
but	hatches
can	head
coral	hold
dorsal	holds
each	horny
eat	horse
eggs	horses
fast	in
find	inch
fins	inches
fish	is

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Decodable Words*

it	packs	tends
its	pouch	than
just	range	that
keeps	real	the
kind	reefs	them
kinds	safe	these
learn	scales	thing
like	sea	this
little	seahorse	thousand
long	seahorses	time
may	seaweed	times
might	seem	tiny
mighty	shore	twelve
more	sizes	until
most	snout	up
near	sort	use
no	sorted	when
normal	spot	with
not	stands	wraps
now	stay	
off	strange	
older	swim	
on	swims	
or	tail	
own	tails	

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Courtyards

Word Count: 243

High-Frequency Words

are
buildings
by
from
have
from
look
many
of
one
other
people
some
through
to
water
you

Decodable Words*

a	explore
an	fill
and	find
arch	flowers
as	for
at	found
be	four
beans	four-leaf
big	France
birdbaths	fun
birds	garden
bounces	gardens
boy	gate
brick	go
can	going
cars	gourds
castle	grass
clover	grassy
course	grow
courtyard	hard
courtyards	has
day	home
dirt	homes
each	hot
enjoy	

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Decodable Words*

if	plants	tourists
in	play	trees
inside	ponds	under
is	pouring	use
it	pumpkins	visit
its	rain	with
kids	reach	your
like	safe	
little	see	
long	side	
made	sides	
may	sip	
middle	space	
must	stone	
near	street	
not	such	
off	surround	
on	surrounded	
or	that	
outside	the	
park	them	
paths	these	
paved	things	
places	this	
plant	time	

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Courtney's Plans

Word Count: 243

High-Frequency Words

builder
buildings
by
idea
look
of
pictures
said
their
they
to
was
where
work
world
would
you

Decodable Words*

a	each
an	farmer
and	finished
arch	flowers
around	four
artist	fourteen
asked	fun
at	further
be	get
black	golf
blocks	golfer
can	gourds
chatted	great
children	grow
corn	her
course	hugged
court	I
courthouse	in
Courtney	is
Courtney's	it
courtyard	jacket
courtyards	judge
Dad	leading
day	like
days	liked

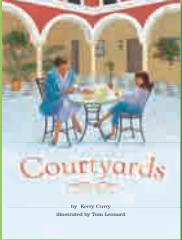
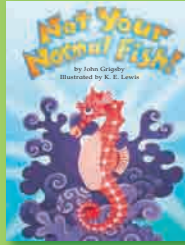
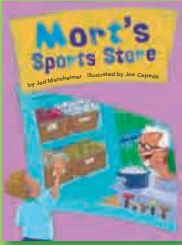
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Decodable Words*

lunch	spied
make	spot
man	take
maybe	tea
meet	that
might	the
Mom	then
must	told
nearly	tourists
need	tours
nice	under
on	up
or	use
paint	waitress
painting	way
paints	we
passed	when
plans	will
planting	with
play	writer
pouring	your
serving	
she	
smiled	
spent	

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